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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 6298/308
Serial No. 09/409,792	Filing Date September 30, 1999	Examiner A. Lewis	Group Art Unit 3735
Inventor(s) Martin P. Foley et al.			
Title of Invention Exhalation Valve For Face Mask With Spacer Chamber Connection			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Second Preliminary Amendment And Response to Examiner Communication.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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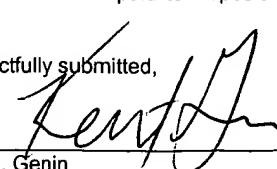
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I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:)
Martin P. Foley et al.) Examiner: A. Lewis
Serial No.: 09/409,792) Group Art Unit No.: 3735
Filing Date: September 30, 1999)
FOR: EXHALATION VALVE FOR)
FACE MASK WITH SPACER)
CHAMBER CONNECTION)

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO EXAMINER
COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, and in response to the Communication mailed April 29, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 to read as follows:

C1. This is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/842,956, filed April 25, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,988,160, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/270,752, filed on July 5, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,645,049, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/973,280, filed November 9, 1992, abandoned, wherein U.S. Serial No. 08/842,956 and U.S. Serial No. 08/270,752 are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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